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SUBJ: LEGAL REPRESENTATION AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS ARRESTED
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1. LEGAL REPRESENTATION IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE IN SIERRA
LEONE TO INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO FUND PRIVATE COUNSEL.

IN CAPITAL CASES, THE COURT MAY APPOINT AN ATTORNEY FROM
AMONG THOSE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE. QUALITY WOULD BE COMPARABLE
TO PAID, PRIVATE COUNSEL. IN CIVIL CASES, COUNSEL IS APPOINTED
ONLY WHEN INDIVIDUAL HAS TOTAL ASSETS OF LESS THAN POUNDS
STERLING 100, (U.S. DOL. 174). THIS AMOUNT HAS NOT BEEN REVISED
UPWARD FOR MANY YEARS, WITH RESULT THAT PUBLIC COUNSEL IS
ALMOST NEVER APPOINTED IN CIVIL CASES.

2. THE SIERRA LEONE BAR ASSOCIATION HAS DISCUSSED ESTABLISHING
SAME FORM OF LEGAL AID SOCIETY, BUT AT PRESENT THERE IS
NO FUNCTIONING SOCIETY.
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